

**Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the
Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees**

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below:

Courts of Appeal

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Courts of Appeal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seventh Circuit |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Circuit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Second Circuit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ninth Circuit |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third Circuit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenth Circuit |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fourth Circuit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eleventh Circuit |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fifth Circuit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D.C. Circuit |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Circuit |

Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First Circuit - BAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit - BAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit - BAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ninth Circuit - BAP |
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District Courts

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All District Courts | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Eastern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Middle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Eastern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Northern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Southern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Western | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Western | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota | <input type="checkbox"/> Virgin Islands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware | <input type="checkbox"/> Maine | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mariana Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Eastern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Eastern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia Northern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Western | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia Southern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Eastern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guam | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Western | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico | |

Bankruptcy Courts☐ All Bankruptcy Courts☐ Alabama Middle☐ Alabama Northern☐ Alabama Southern☐ Alaska☐ Arizona☐ Arkansas Eastern☐ Arkansas Western☐ California Central☐ California Eastern☐ California Northern☐ California Southern☐ Colorado☐ Connecticut☐ Delaware☐ District of Columbia☐ Florida Middle☐ Florida Northern☐ Florida Southern☐ Georgia Northern☐ Georgia Middle☐ Georgia Southern☐ Guam☐ Hawaii☐ Idaho☐ Illinois Northern☐ Illinois Central☐ Illinois Southern☐ Indiana Northern☐ Indiana Southern☐ Iowa Northern☐ Iowa Southern☐ Kansas☐ Kentucky Eastern☐ Kentucky Western☐ Louisiana Eastern☐ Louisiana Middle☐ Louisiana Western☐ Maine☐ Maryland☐ Massachusetts☐ Michigan Eastern☐ Michigan Western☐ Minnesota☐ Mississippi Northern☐ Mississippi Southern☐ Missouri Eastern☐ Missouri Western☐ Montana☐ Nebraska☐ Nevada☐ New Hampshire☐ New Jersey☐ New Mexico☐ New York Eastern☐ New York Northern☐ New York Southern☐ New York Western☐ North Carolina Eastern☐ North Carolina Middle☐ North Carolina Western☐ North Dakota☐ Northern Mariana Islands☐ Ohio Northern☐ Ohio Southern☐ Oklahoma Eastern☐ Oklahoma Northern☐ Oklahoma Western☐ Oregon☐ Pennsylvania Eastern☐ Pennsylvania Middle☐ Pennsylvania Western☐ Puerto Rico☐ Rhode Island☐ South Carolina☐ South Dakota☐ Tennessee Eastern☐ Tennessee Middle☐ Tennessee Western☐ Texas Eastern☐ Texas Northern☐ Texas Southern☐ Texas Western☐ Utah☐ Vermont☐ Virgin Islands☐ Virginia Eastern☐ Virginia Western☐ Washington Eastern☐ Washington Western☐ West Virginia Northern☐ West Virginia Southern☐ Wisconsin Eastern☐ Wisconsin Western☐ Wyoming**National Courts**☐ Judicial Panel on
Multidistrict Litigation☐ U.S. Court of
Federal Claims☐ U.S. Court of
International Trade2.) I am an individual associated with University of St Andrews, School of International

3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment.

I am a Masters student at the University of St Andrews and I am doing a research paper on right-wing extremist terrorism in the U.S. between 1/1/2020 and 12/31/23 and the Department of Justice site with news and press releases are insufficient to complete my data collection efforts and being able to view courts documents related to these individuals (who have been arrested, indicted, convicted and or sentenced) will enhance my ability to properly code the incident tied to the individual or individuals.

4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

- a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.
- b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time: 2/15/2024 - 4/15/2024
- c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.
- d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

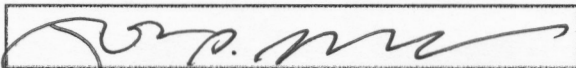
Declaration: I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement ☒ may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

John P. Benson

Applicant's Printed Name

Student

Applicant's Title



Applicant's Signature

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VA

State

22308

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2/16/2024

Date

Please submit your completed, signed request via email to Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov or by mail to:

Attention: Multi-Court Exemptions
Court Programs Division
DPS-CSO-PRGD
One Columbus Circle, N.E.
Washington, DC 20544

** Requests sent through the US mail may take 1



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- a. Provide a list of the type(s) and number of documents you plan to review from PACER. This may include cases, dockets, suit codes etc.
1. I expect to look at no more than 800 files dating from 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023 (based on some initial queries on the DOJ press release site).
 2. The files I will be focusing on are criminal records related to domestic terrorism, specifically right-wing extremist terrorism (mostly Title 18 crimes).
 3. It is NOT my intention to review criminal records related to the Jan. 6 Capitol event as that event, because of the number of defendants, skews the research I am conducting.
 4. The files will be criminal records, (CR) only (no CIVIL, therefore no suit codes).
 5. I am requesting access to PUBLIC, unsealed, criminal records on:
 - i. dockets
 - ii. charging documents/indictments
 - iii. convictions (do not care about acquittals)
 - iv. sentencing